

March 1, 2011

The Honorable Senator Rick Jones, Chair Senate Judiciary Committee P.O. Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Chairman Jones:

We are very pleased to support Senate Bills 160 and 161, sponsored by Senators Meekhof and Hansen, which would ban the heinous practice of partial birth abortion in Michigan. As the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in this state, the Michigan Catholic Conference has long advocated to prohibit this procedure.

We strongly believe that a simple description of this extremely gruesome procedure is reason enough to end this practice. As such, we thank you for putting this legislation on your agenda and would request its quick approval.

Please feel free to contact me at 372-9310 if you have any questions regarding our position on this legislation.

Sincerely,

Tom Hickson Vice President, Public Policy Michigan Catholic Conference

c: Senate Judiciary Committee Members Senator Arlan Meekhof Senator Goeff Hansen

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